

MINUTES of the Special Meeting of the City  
Council of the City of Rye held in City Hall on  
November 16, 2000 at 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

STEVEN OTIS, Mayor  
CAROLYN CUNNINGHAM  
ROBERTA DOWNING  
ROBERT H. HUTCHINGS  
ROSAMOND LARR  
DOUGLAS MCKEAN  
ARTHUR STAMPLEMAN  
Councilmen

ABSENT:

NONE

1. Roll Call

Mayor Otis called the meeting to order; a quorum was present to conduct official City business. Also present were Michael Genito, Comptroller, as well as Finance Committee Member Ted Downing, and Recreation Commission President Steve Meyers.

2. Review of Proposed 2001 Budget

Mayor Otis called on Rye Historical Society Executive Director Elizabeth Reynolds to make a presentation. The Rye Historical Society is requesting \$15,000 of operating support from the City Council to assist in meeting their public service commitments which were outlined in a handout distributed by the Rye Historical Society. Ms. Reynolds mentioned the provision in the 1965 Agreement that prohibits the Rye Historical Society from charging admission. The Mayor requested a copy of their budget and the 1965 agreement prior to the 11/20 Workshop. In addition the Mayor requested that in the future staff provide a memo that provides a historical overview of the relationships with our various outside agencies including: Rye Arts Center, Youth Council, Historical Society, Nature Center and Rye Town Park.

Council began discussion of the 2001 operating budget. There was general agreement to proceed with the concept that the tax rate increase would be lowered to 2.1% without impacting the service enhancements proposed by the City manager. The City Manager distributed follow-up information from the previous workshop. The amount of \$99,000 needs to be made up by either reducing expenditures or increasing revenue.

Councilman Stampleman made several recommendations with regard to increasing revenue estimates, specifically that Vehicle & Traffic Fine estimate be increased by \$50,000 and that the Non-property Tax revenue be increased by 3.5%, which will net \$60,000 and that Alarm Permit Revenue be increased by \$5,000. When combined with the additional revenue sources identified by Staff, the additional funds available at this time is \$225,200; when combined with the tax levy reduction the net amount available for expenditure increases is \$126,200.

The Council requested that \$12,000 be added to the DPW budget to increase street sweeping and trash collection in the Central Business District. They requested that an additional \$83,000 be added to the Police Department budget to add either three new officers effective July 1 to provide enhanced police presence in the Village; 16 hours a day 7 days a week, or to add one new special detail officer dedicated to the Village effective January 1, 2000.

The City Manager identified \$84,000 of Building and Vehicle Expenditures that should be funded by a transfer from fund balance, she also identified \$44,355 of additional funds in the Building & Vehicle Fund that makes the required net transfer \$39,645.

In the Capital Projects Fund the City Manager identified \$10,000 that could be used to offset additional capital expenditures. The Council indicated that they wanted to increase the 2001 Capital Budget by \$150,000 to fund the anticipated cost increases on the Post Road Retaining Wall. The net \$140,000 required to accomplish this would come from a fund balance transfer.

The Council also requested that they consider a resolution that identifies CIP Contingency items that would be funded in 2001 if the projects became ready to pursue: Athletic Field Development, the Rye Town Park Duck Fund, Open Space Land Acquisition and other Recreation Master Plan Projects.

The Council unanimously passed the resolution setting the public hearing on the proposed 2001 budget on a motion made by Councilman Stampleman and seconded by Councilman McKean.

**WHEREAS**, it is now desired to call a public hearing on the proposed 2001 budget, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, by the Council of the City of Rye as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule law and the Charter of the City of Rye, New York, a public hearing will be held by the Council of said City on November 29, 2000 at 8:00 P.M. at City Hall, Boston Post Road, in said City, for the purpose of affording interested persons an opportunity to be heard concerning such budget.

Section 2. Such notice of public hearing shall be in substantially the following form:

**CITY OF RYE  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a public hearing will be held by the Council of the City of Rye on Wednesday, the 29th day of November, 2000, at 8:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1051 Boston Post Road, in said City, on the Tentative Budgets of the General Fund, Cable TV Special Revenue Fund, Nature Center Special Revenue Fund, Debt Service Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Boat Basin Enterprise Fund, Golf Club Enterprise Fund, Risk Retention Internal Service Fund, and Building and Vehicle Maintenance Internal Service Fund of the City of Rye for the ensuing fiscal year, January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001, and at such time and place any person interested in said Tentative Budgets will be given an opportunity to provide written and oral comments on any and all of the aforementioned budgets.

**CITY OF RYE SUMMARY OF TENTATIVE BUDGETS**

<u>Fund/Program</u>	<u>Tentative Budgets</u>
General Fund	
General Government Support	\$2,483,033
Public Safety	7,458,762
Community Environment	5,533,004
Culture and Recreation	2,343,067
Other Financing Uses	<u>1,062,225</u>
Total - General Fund	<u>18,880,091</u>
Rye Cable TV Special Revenue Fund	<u>163,971</u>
Rye Nature Center Special Revenue Fund	<u>361,436</u>
Debt Service Fund	<u>109,109</u>
Capital Projects Fund	<u>1,362,000</u>
Boat Basin Enterprise Fund:	
Operating	449,262
Capital	<u>0</u>
Total - Boat Basin Fund	<u>449,262</u>
Rye Golf Club Enterprise Fund:	
Operating	3,645,273
Capital	<u>399,000</u>

Total - Golf Club Fund	<u>4,044,273</u>
Risk Retention Internal Service Fund	<u>490,000</u>
Building and Vehicle Maintenance	
Internal Service Fund	
Operating	2,183,771
Capital	<u>792,000</u>
Total - Building and Vehicle	
Maintenance Fund	<u>2,975,771</u>
TOTAL - All Funds	<u><u>\$28,835,913</u></u>

Copies of the proposed budgets will be available for inspection by the public at the City Clerk's office during the regular business hours of said office and at the Rye Free Reading Room.

City Clerk

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM on a motion by Councilwoman Larr, seconded by Councilwoman Downing.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia D. Novak  
City Manager